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by Mike Chrisman



Today Answer Guy answers some critical questions about our American language.

Dear Answer Guy,

Q: It's hot weather season again, and as I do every year, I wonder why do they call it an "air conditioner"?

A: Why do they call *what* an air conditioner? Hahahahaha. No, really — the cooling device you refer to actually provides an important benefit for our earth's environment. Back in the

50s and early 60s, before air conditioners came into widespread use, our planet's air was frequently tangled and unmanageable, especially after a heavy rain shower. Now, thanks to the miracle of conditioning, the air we breathe is always full-bodied, shiny, and revitalized. Cooler, too.

Q: Is there any connection between the mint that's in, like, spearmint gum, and the mint where our money comes from?

A: Of course, you ninny. For one thing, it's the same word. As if that's not enough, back in ancient Greece, the mint plant itself was used as money. It was then an extremely rare plant, cultivated only within the courtyard of the Treasury building. As you can imagine, carrying mint around got a little messy (though it did make your wallet smell good), so after a few hundred years, the Greeks invented paper money and colored it mint green, which became the "greenbacks" we use today. Just in time, too, because the mint plant escaped from the Treasury courtyard and rapidly turned into the weed that often takes over our herb gardens. This is what economists call "inflation."

Q: Why do people say, "yo" ... as in "Yo, dude"?

A: As you know, "yo" means "I" in Spanish, the universal language. The phrase "Yo, dude," or "Yo, homie" is used exclusively by males aged 14-19. These adolescent years are fraught with turmoil and self-doubt, so it's no surprise that young men would try to boost their fragile egos by repeating the mantra "I, dude" dozens of times each day. Tragically, this pitiful form of self-help is utterly useless, and most of these males die before age 20, usually from existential angst.

Q: OK, so they call it a "full" moon when it's, you know, full. But when it's not full, they call it a "new" moon. Hey, it's not new; it's empty.

A: This conundrum puzzles me, too. As we learned from our intrepid moonwalkers, when the moon wanes, it literally disappears, and even the Hubble telescope hasn't discovered what becomes of it. Several prominent MIT physicists recently suggested there's a phase shift going on, like sometimes happens on *Star Trek: The Next Generation* when the crew ends up trapped in a dimension populated with blurry special effects. Personally, I think "empty" moon is a very accurate term. So is "gone-zo," or "outtahere."

Q: Back in 1901, the Boston baseball team was called the Pilgrims. A couple of years later, they were playing in the World Series as the Red Sox. What happened?

A: The Boston Pilgrims featured a starting lineup composed almost entirely of radical Marxist theologians. During the off season in those years, the players met regularly to discuss labor issues, capitalist oppression, and the proletariat's plight in czarist Russia. By 1903 they could no longer disguise their true colors (red) and unanimously elected to display them proudly on their legs.

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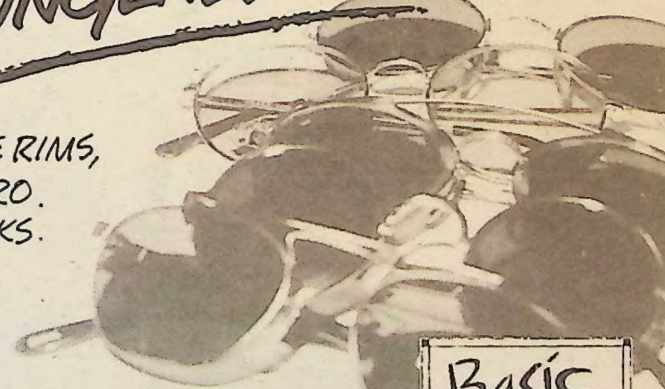
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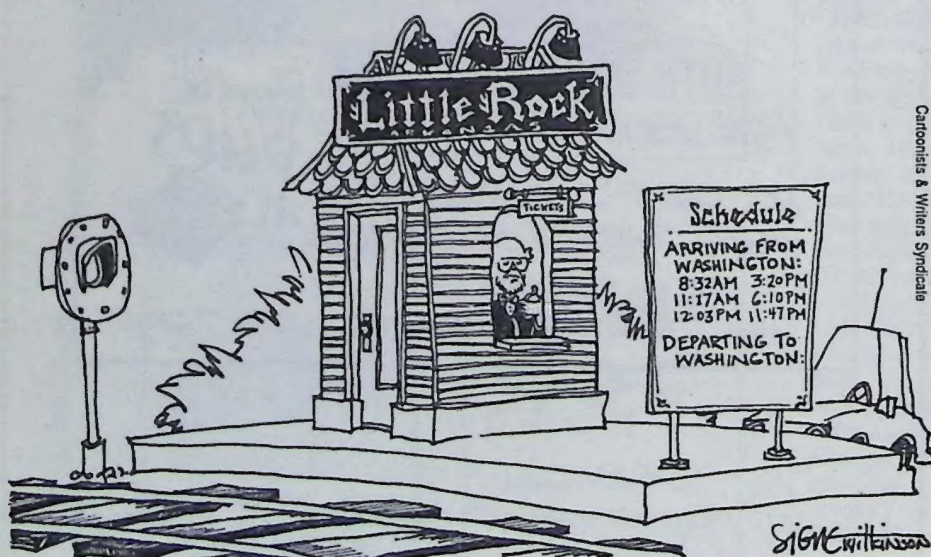
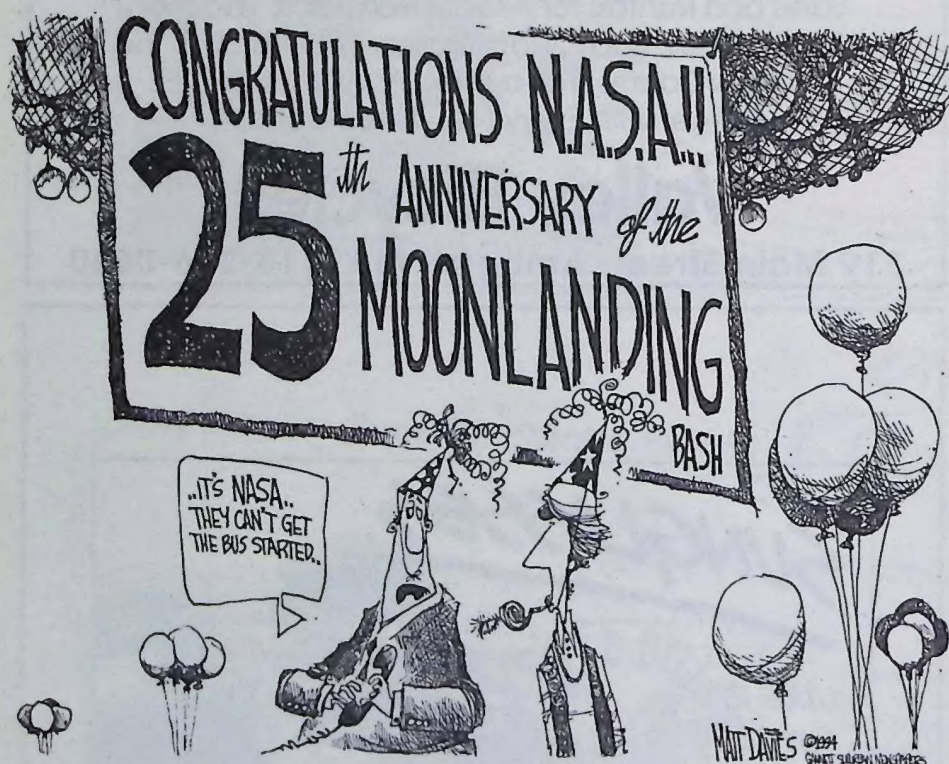
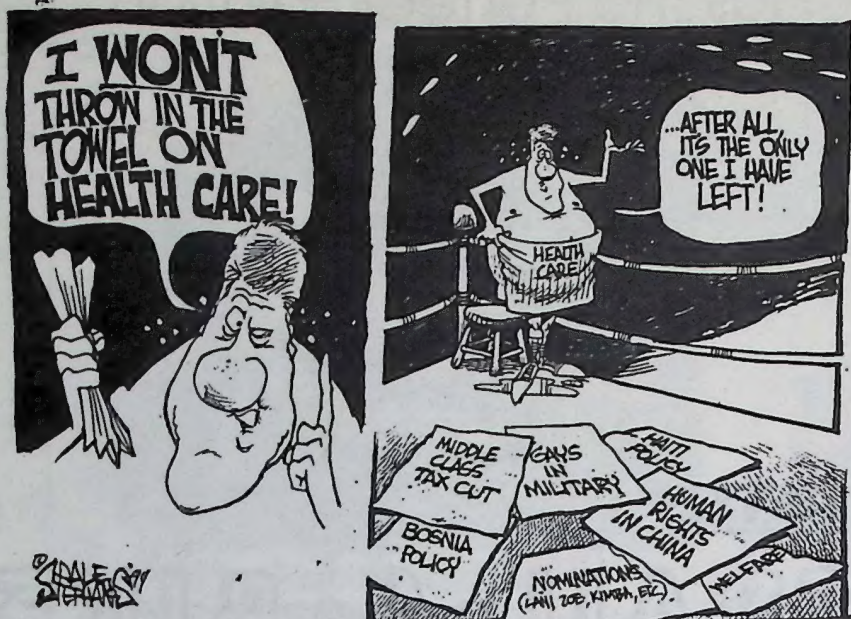


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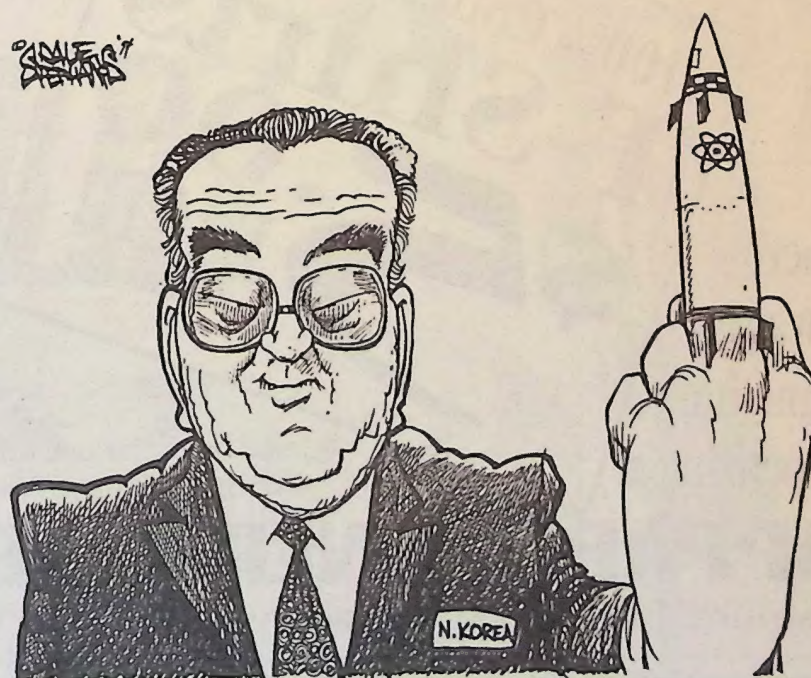
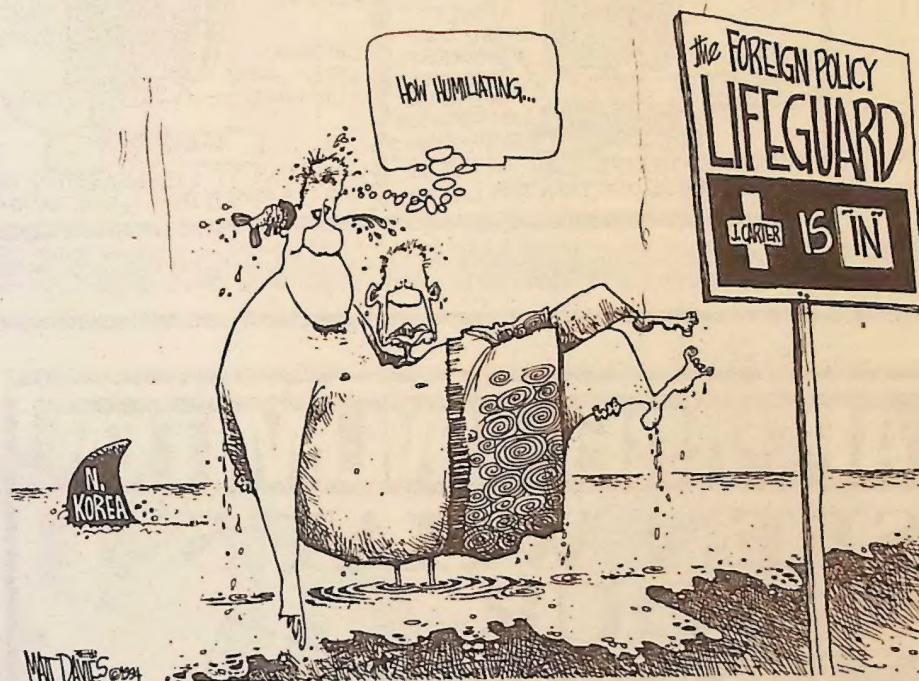
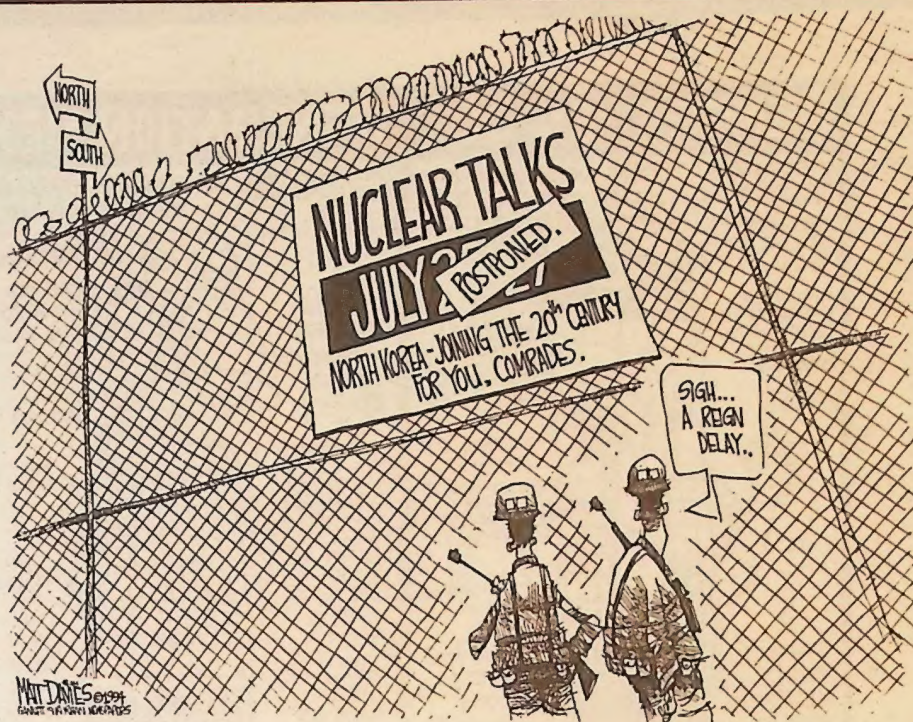
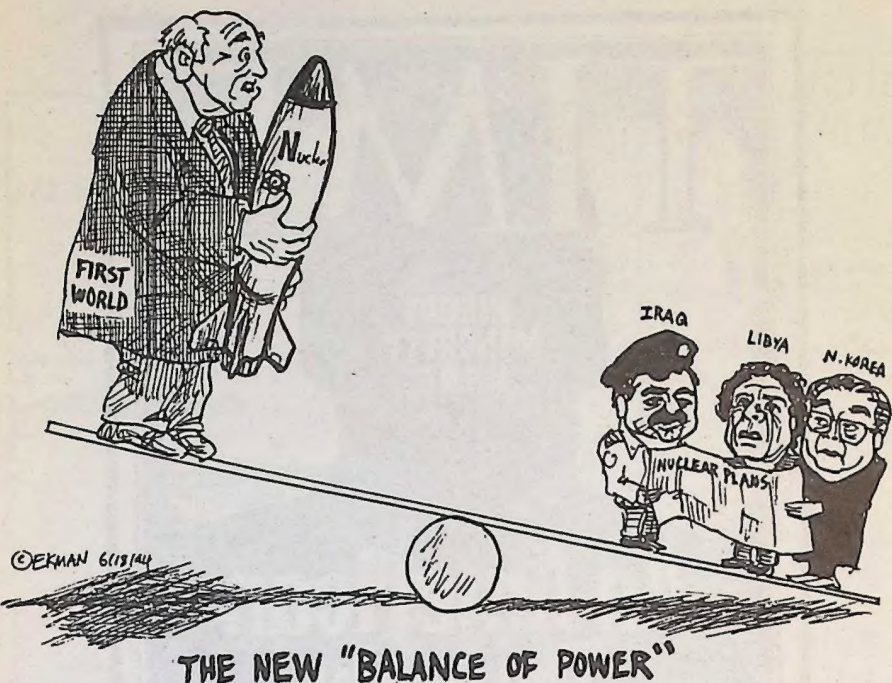
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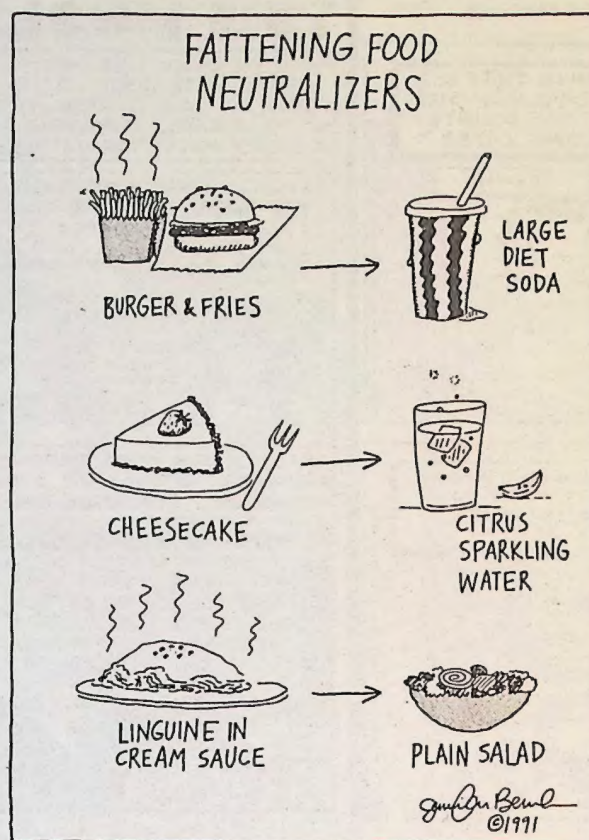
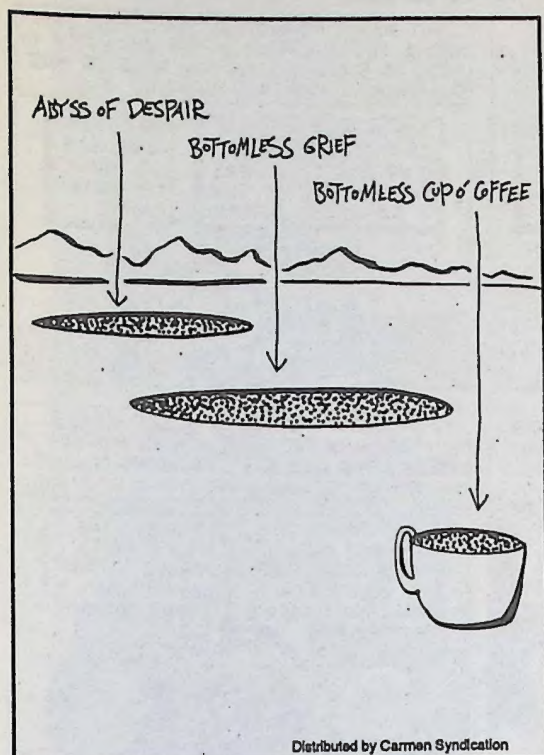
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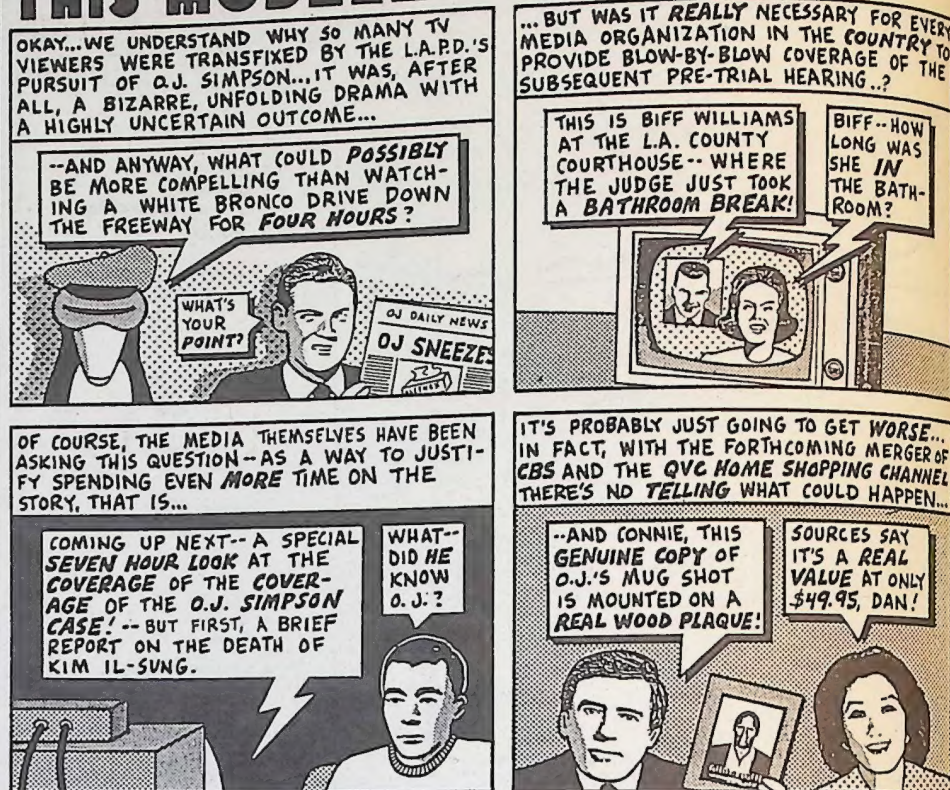
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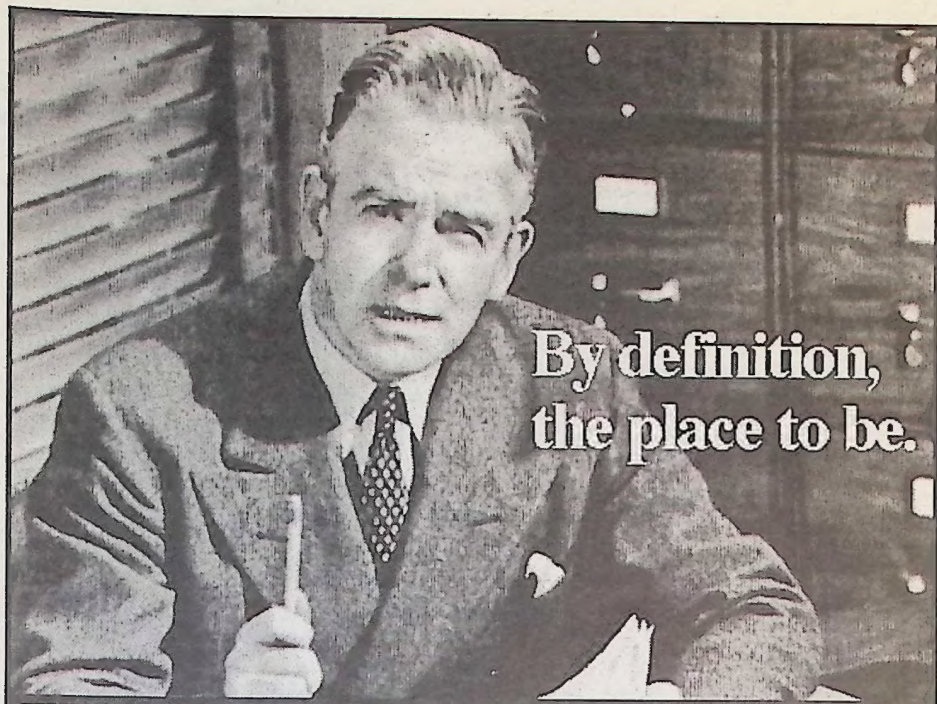
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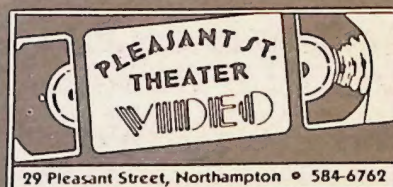
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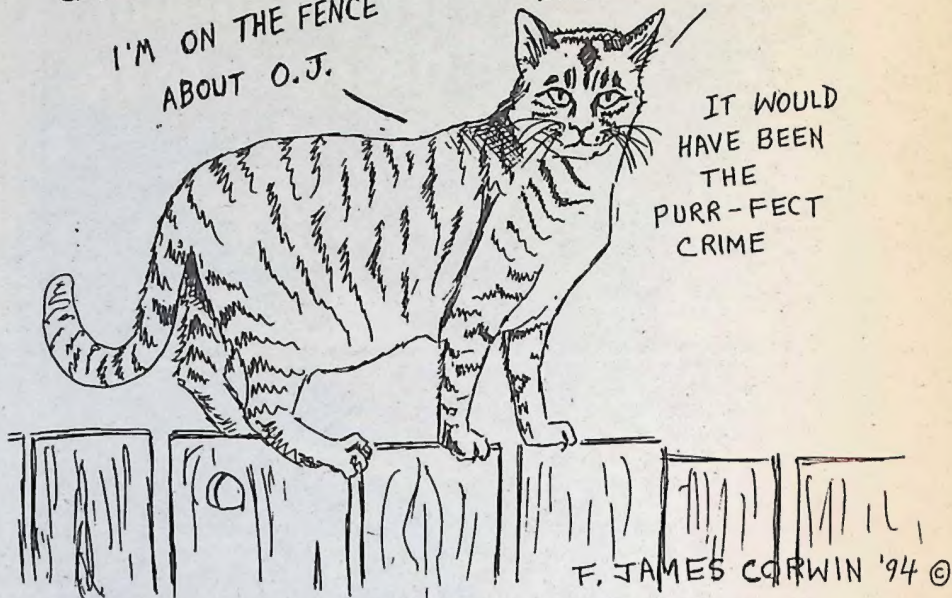
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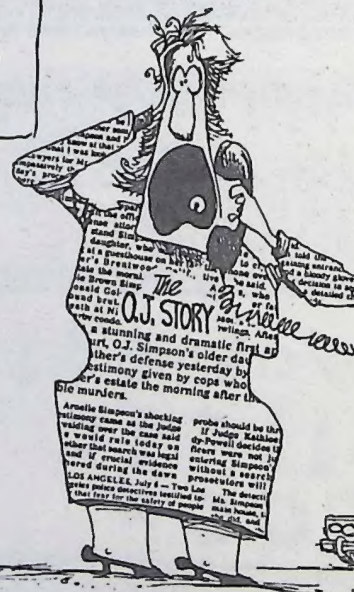
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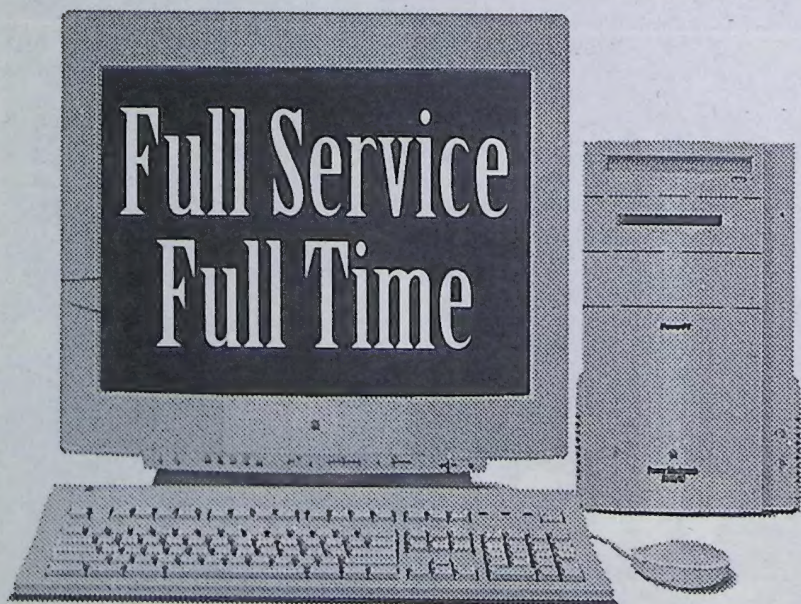
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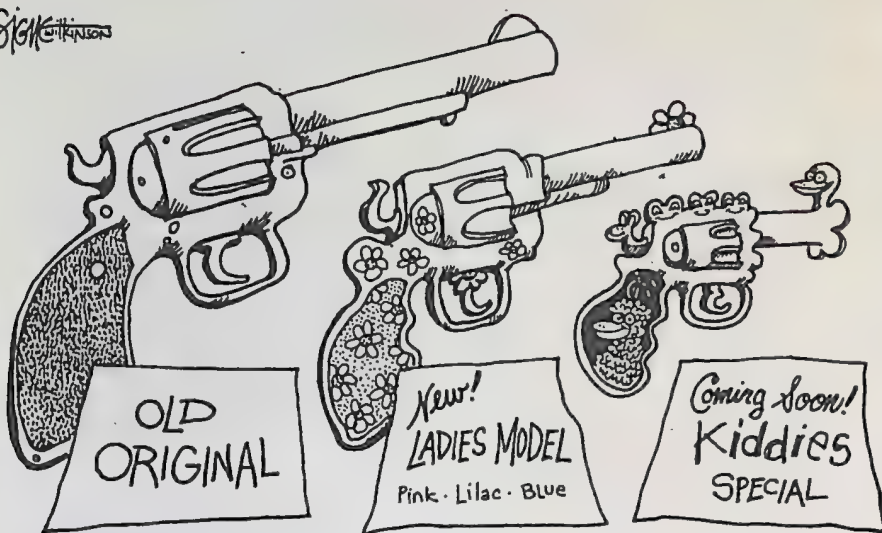
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TWENTYNINE

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SAT
THIRTY

Katina's: Selectrocution **Bay State Hotel:** Gobblehoof, Fuzzy **Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum:** Jim Henry **Waterfront:** Second Nature **Hadley Pub:** Island dance party w/ dj JP **Iron Horse:** LIR, Thrillcat **Pearl Street:** The Sighs, Ray Mason Band, Dim, plus dance party w/ dj Lance **Smith College (Hallie Flanagan Studio):** Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe, w/ Sara Whitcomb **North Star:** La Folia (flute & guitar), plus dance party, w/ DJ Steven **Seven O's:** Flipside **Green River Cafe:** The Gutterbirds **Northfield Mt. Hermon School:** Pete Seeger, Wholesale Klezmer, Amandla, much more

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MON
ONE

Bay State Hotel: Blue Monday, w/ Ed Vadas & The Fabulous Heavyweights **Katina's:** Gay Nite w/ DJ Steve **Iron Horse:** Shadowfax

TUE
TWO

Northampton Brewery: open mic, w/ host Erica Wheeler **Iron Horse:** Al Stewart **Hadley Pub:** open mic **Pearl Street:** A Tribe Called Quest **Katina's:** Morbid Angel, Crowbar

WED
THREE

Hadley Pub: Reggae party **Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum:** Humano and Jorge Arce **North Star:** C & W dance night **Iron Horse:** Magic Slim & The Teardrops **Pearl Street:** Gay Night — dancing to music by Spin, Inc. **Northampton Brewery:** Summer Concert Series: Swampgirl, Rent Party



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FOUR

Bay State Hotel: Red Red Meat, Zeke Fiddler, Scud Mountain Boys **Seven O's:** DJ Dance Club **Hadley Pub:** open mic blues jam **Pearl Street:** 18+ dance party, w/ music by Spin, Inc. **Katina's:** Selectrocution **North Star:** Boyz Night Out, w/ DJ Mike Kusek **Iron Horse:** Orleans

FRI
FIVE

North Star: Dance party, w/ DJ Betsey **Waterfront:** Zoo Station **Pearl Street:** Retro night w/ dj Dennis **Seven O's:** Swiftkicks **Katina's:** laser CD dance party **Iron Horse:** Sara Hickman (7pm), Madder Rose & Swell (10pm) **Bay State Hotel:** Angry Johnny & the Killbillies **Academy of Music:** Michelle Shocked

SAT
SIX

North Star: Sue Burkhart, plus 21+ dance party w/ dj Steven **Black Sheep Cafe:** Maple Ridge Bluegrass Band **Hadley Pub:** Island dance party w/ DJ Dan **Porter-Phelps-Huntington Museum:** Jennifer Sells & Danette Bucci (oboes) **Seven O's:** Swiftkicks **Bay State Hotel:** Dr. Jones, Schleigho **Pearl Street:** Saturday night dance party w/ dj Lance **Iron Horse:** Fairport Convention

SUN
SEVEN

Northampton Brewery: Tizzy, TBA **Seven O's:** open mic **Hadley Pub:** classic rock dj **Katina's:** Rapid Symphony **North Star:** Linee Peroncell (free show — 7:30), Retro dance party w/ dj Betsey

MON
EIGHT

Bay State Hotel: Blue Monday, w/ Ed Vadas & The Fabulous Heavyweights **Pearl Street:** Burning Spear, Loose Caboose **Katina's:** Gay Night, w/ DJ Steve

TUE
NINE

Northampton Brewery: open mic w/ host Pat Owens **Iron Horse:** Wolfstone **Hadley Pub:** open mic **Northampton Center for the Arts:** open mic

WED
TEN

Iron Horse: Leon Russell **Pearl Street:** Gay Night w/ music by Spin, Inc. **Northampton Brewery:** Scud Mountain Boys **Hadley Pub:** Reggae party **North Star:** C & W dancing

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By Steve Newman

Deforestation

Wholesale felling of the tropical rain forests in Honduras has begun to change the country's climate, and the government recently announced measures to counteract some of the damage. Nationwide hydroelectric power outages of up to 10 hours each day, hotter weather and badly eroded lands are all linked to years of unchecked logging and slash-and-burn farming, local ecologists say. To stop the pirate woodcutters, President Carlos Roberto Reina ordered a temporary ban on all logging, and plans to overhaul forestry and land-use regulations.

Meteor

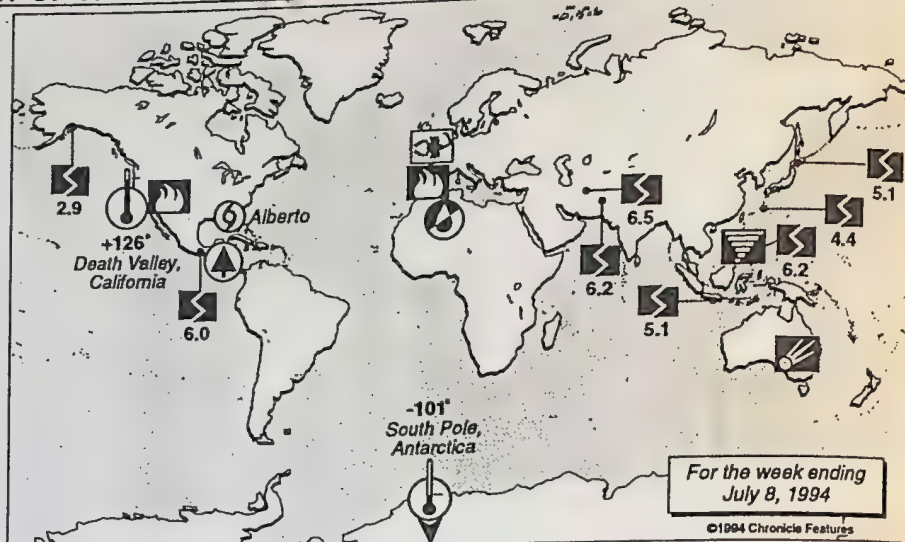
A fireball streaked across the Australian township of Broken Hill in western New South Wales, causing earthquake-like vibrations throughout the area. Hundreds of startled residents phoned police to report they had seen the huge bright light plummeting toward the ground. Some said the walls of their homes had shaken. Analysis of seismological data indicated the meteor exploded in the atmosphere, and probably did not reach the earth's surface.

Philippine Twister

At least 13 people were reported missing after a tornado swept through riverside villages in the southern Philippine province of Misamis Oriental. The twister picked up strength as it crossed the Bisigan and Cagayan de Oro rivers, then dumped water on the villages, sweeping several houses away.

Drought

The worst drought to parch Algeria in 50 years has ruined about half of the country's farmland, according to the official news agency, APS. The country's export wheat production was especially hard-hit.



Wildfires

Unrelenting hot weather over the western U.S. sparked scores of wildfires in six states. At least 12 firefighters perished after they were trapped by blazes in western Colorado. One of the most destructive fires started from a lightning strike in the mountains near Palm Springs, Calif. Seven homes were destroyed as the blaze blackened about 14,400 acres of forest.

In Spain, thousands of people fled their homes as wildfires raged in the region between Barcelona and Malaga. A spokeswoman for the province of Valencia said the fires were the worst in the region in 50 years.

Earthquakes

A strong tremor rocked a wide area of southern Mexico, killing two masons when a wall they were working on in Oaxaca collapsed during the shak-

ing. In northern Pakistan, at least 17 people were injured by a magnitude 6.2 quake that was centered in the Hindu Kush Mountains, near the Afghanistan border.

Earth movements also were felt in Turkmenia, northern Japan, Japan's southern island of Amami Oshima, the southern Philippines, the Indonesian island of Jawa, and southern Alaska.

Tropical Storm

Tropical storm Alberto, the first of the Atlantic hurricane season, brought torrential downpours and severe flooding to the southeastern United States. More than 20 inches of rain fell in parts of central and southern Georgia, where the worst flooding occurred. The inundations swept several people to their deaths, left more than 300,000 residents without safe drinking water, and swamped large stretches of highway.

Kiss of the Scorpion

Jordon Lazelle of Hayling Island, southern England, tried to give his usual good-night kiss to his pet scorpion, Twigg, but wound up with a nasty surprise. The 18-year-old had just returned from a night at the pub when he pulled the insect from its glass cabinet. As he went to kiss Twigg on the pincher, it grabbed his lip "really hard." "I opened my mouth in shock, and he jumped in and stung me on the tongue — it had never done that before," Jordon said. He stumbled outside and collapsed in the street. Friends called an ambulance which rushed him to a nearby hospital where he was treated and released. An RSPCA spokesman later warned the public not to give scorpions a goodnight kiss. "They can be very temperamental creatures."

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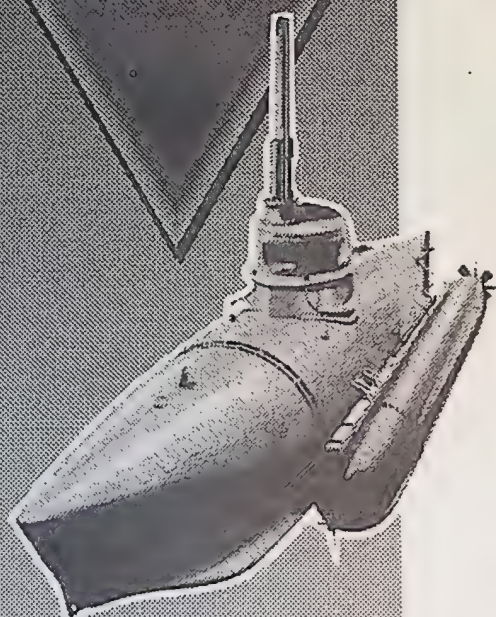
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EARTHWEEK: A DIARY OF THE PLANET

By Steve Newman

July Floods

Lingering moisture in the wake of tropical storm Alberto brought further severe flooding to several parts of the southeastern United States. President Clinton declared portions of central and southern Georgia, Alabama, and northern Florida disaster areas.

Heavy rainstorms rumbling over Romania killed thousands of farm animals and ruined much of the country's wheat crop. Torrential rain, gales, and egg-sized hailstones damaged houses and washed away roads.

Southeastern Iran suffered another round of flooding, which officials say has leveled 18 villages, killed livestock and damaged the region's agriculture.

Eruptions

A series of eruptions by Anak Krakatau (Krakatoa) Volcano since 1992 has destroyed all animal and plant life on the island. Djodi Mochtar, an official responsible for the island's nature preserve, said the volcano has grown by almost 100 feet during the same period. Djodi does not plan to release any new fauna around the mountain since Anak Krakatau is still erupting with minor quakes and spewing dangerous lava, stones, sand, and ash.

Volcanic ash rained down on several parts of the resort island of Bali from Mount Barujari Volcano, located on nearby Lombok Island.

Earthquakes

A powerful temblor caused landslides and extensive damage to buildings in the Pacific island state of Vanuatu. Two people were injured by the quake.

Movements also were felt in eastern Indonesia, the Afghanistan-Tajikistan border region, the Aleutians, the Alaskan Peninsula, western Idaho, and Southern California.



Southern Frosts

Further Antarctic chills blowing over Brazil have destroyed more than a third of the anticipated 1995 coffee crop. Coffee prices rose to eight-year highs on the London and New York exchanges after the news. Weather during the first half of July, the coldest in Brazil since 1975, hit the southeastern state of Parana especially hard, destroying 90 percent of the region's coffee crop.

Tropical Storms

Typhoon Tim left a trail of death, flooding, and destruction across parts of the Philippines, Taiwan, and China. Nine people were killed as the storm passed over the island of Taiwan, and hundreds of thousands of acres of farmland were swamped across China's Fujian province. A weaker storm, Vanessa, formed briefly over northern Luzon.

harmlessly over the open waters between Mexico and Hawaii.

Nuclear News

An international geophysical expedition announced that radiation from China's last underground nuclear explosion escaped into the atmosphere and was carried by easterly winds into all of the central Asian republics. According to a report in the Kyrgyzstan newspaper *Vechemy Bishkek*, a "mist" of discharged particles from the June 10 blast increased radiation in that republic by 40 percent, reaching 5 micro roentgens per hour.

Kilimanjaro Climate

Wholesale illegal deforestation of the slopes of Mt. Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa, has changed the alpine climate and threatens the future of its famed snow-capped summit. Massive bush-burning by beekeepers on the mountain is also

contributing to the recent drought which is causing Kilimanjaro's glaciers to recede.

Monkey Deaths

At least 142 monkeys have died on Bali after exposure to streptococcal bacteria originating from slaughterhouse waste on the resort island. The *Jakarta Post* reported that the monkeys lived on a stretch of river downstream from a pig slaughterhouse which dumps its industrial waste into the river. Pigs that drank water from the river also were reported to have suffered from the disease. Wayan Masudana, head of Bali's husbandry office, said the swine plague was currently "under control" after the Surabaya Zoo provided medicine to treat the animals. There was no mention of any plans to treat the surviving monkeys.

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TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT by L.M. Boyd

Q. Where'd "Spam" get its name?
A. It's short for "spiced ham."

To buy a new car in Norway, the buyer needs 80 percent cash.

Almost all imprisoned burglars, when asked by researchers where they first went upon entering houses, said, "the master bedroom."

Historians have no definite idea what the Pilgrim ship "Mayflower" actually looked like. In its time, there were 19 vessels of English registry called "Mayflower."

One doctor's advice on how to deal with your common cold: "Most of the world's work is done by people who don't feel well. Get busy."

Most people who own handguns don't know the difference between a revolver and a pistol. It's this: a revolver fires a cartridge from a revolving cylinder separate from the barrel bore. A pistol's cartridge is fired from within the rear of the bore.

The planet Mercury doesn't tilt, so it has no seasons.

At the time of the American Revolution, a pair of eyeglasses imported from Europe cost the equivalent of two or three years' wages.

Q. How can a pitcher win a baseball game without throwing a pitch?

A. The same way Nick Altrock of the Chicago White Sox did in 1906. He went into the game in the ninth inning, bases loaded, two outs, and picked a runner off base.

The largest of the jet planes holds about enough fuel to drive an ordinary car four times around the world.

More women than men tend to arrive a little late to public gatherings.

To early seagoing explorers, a coconut looked something like a contorted face. The "coco" in coconut comes from the Portuguese word for "grinace."

An eggshell is 1/10 the egg's weight.

John Maynard Keynes said, "The avoidance of taxes is the only intellectual pursuit that still carries any reward."

The first feature-length motion picture ever made was "The Story of the Kelly Gang," in Australia in 1906.

Q. Who was the first person to try to assassinate a U.S. president?

A. Richard Lawrence. On January 10, 1835, he fired two pistols at point-blank range at Andrew Jackson. Fortunately for Jackson, it was a damp day, and both pistols misfired.

Traditional Muslims don't keep pet dogs. The Koran forbids it.

In a recent poll, American women were asked whether they think it's all right for them to telephone men for dates, and 43 percent said no.

In Turkey, you can be thrown in jail just for speaking the name Kurdistan, the traditional Kurdish homeland now without borders.

The hot pepper people have found a new market — the makers of boat paint. It's now confirmed that barnacles won't stick to hulls coated with hot-pepper-spiked paint.

Garter snakes live ten years, tops.

If you let the dog into the house, put flea powder in your vacuum cleaner bag. It's an incubator for flea eggs.

Q. That half-moon at the base of your fingernail — what is it, and what's it for?

A. Air pocketed there in the growth. Researchers say they haven't yet come up with its purpose, if any.

Aboriginal patients in Australian hospitals tend not to stay long. They can't tolerate the air-conditioning. There is even one reported hospital death of an Aboriginal woman due to hypothermia.

The United States is the nation with the most museums.

Q. A matrimonial expert was quoted as saying, "On two occasions, the first four minutes are crucial to a happy marriage." What are these two occasions?

A. Waking in the morning and meeting in the evening. The claim was that how a couple handles those eight minutes every day can make or break the partnership.

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JOE BOB BRIGGS

When I was a kid, we had this politician in Arkansas named Orval Faubus. All the intelligent people hated him. All the liberals hated him. He couldn't get any votes in Pulaski County, where the state capital is, because it was the only place in the state where people were urban and educated. But he *always* won the elections. He served something like seven consecutive terms as governor.

You know why? Because he talked about black people like they were the enemy. And a lot of white people — especially the poorly-educated, the poor, the powerless — they like this, because they were *mad* about their lives. And Orval Faubus gave 'em somebody to be mad at.

I was always fascinated with Orval Faubus, because I didn't understand how somebody who was *always* condemned in public — by the press, by university presidents, by preachers, by civic leaders — could be so goldang *popular*. And I never ran across another politician quite like him — until about five years ago.

That's when I first noticed Louis Farrakhan. He's an almost identical copy of Orval Faubus. Intelligent people hate him. Liberals hate him. Yet, if he ran for mayor of Chicago today, he'd probly win.

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Faubus talked about how the black carpetbaggers who came to Arkansas after the Civil War had ruined life for white people everywhere, and set us back hundreds of years. (He didn't care that all

those black carpetbaggers were long dead and gone, and that no *living* black person had done *anything* to white people.)

Farrakhan talks about how white people, and especially Jews, have ruined life for blacks by engaging in the slave trade and running businesses in black ghettos that overcharge the people. (He doesn't care that all those slave traders are dead and gone, and that the number of *living* white supremacists is so small that the FBI has estimated their numbers at fewer than a thousand.)

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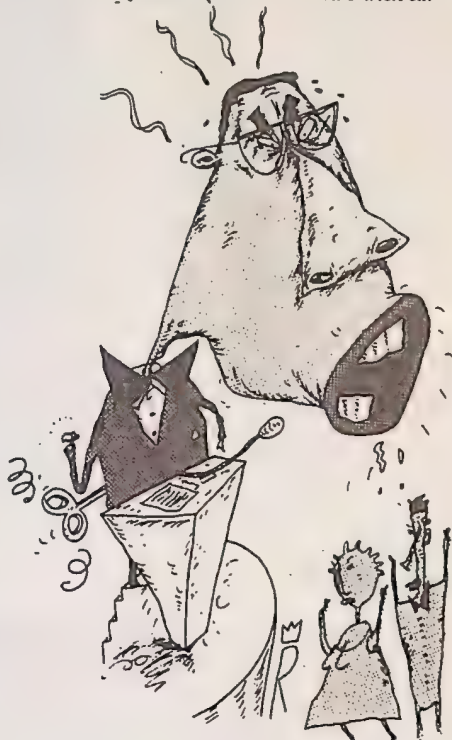
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This is so easy to understand. When an ambitious man gets the attention of a weakened people who feel they've been abused, hatred results. If the hatred grows, the man becomes a little Hitler.

It happened with Faubus. It's happening again.

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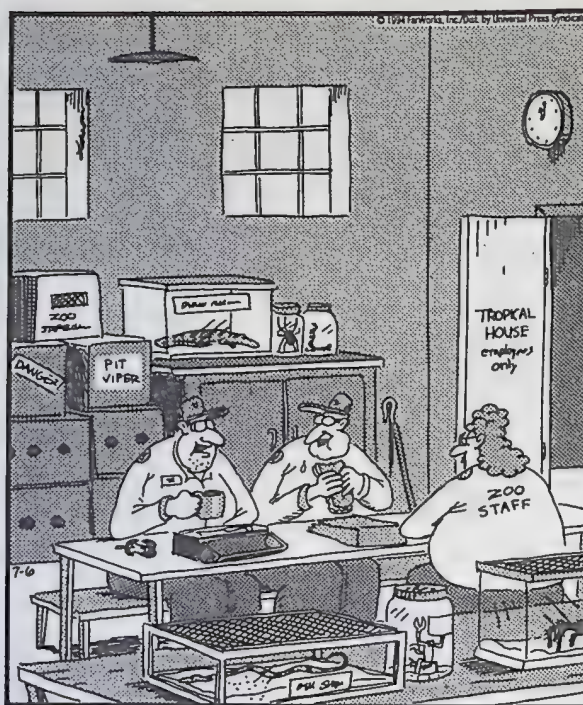
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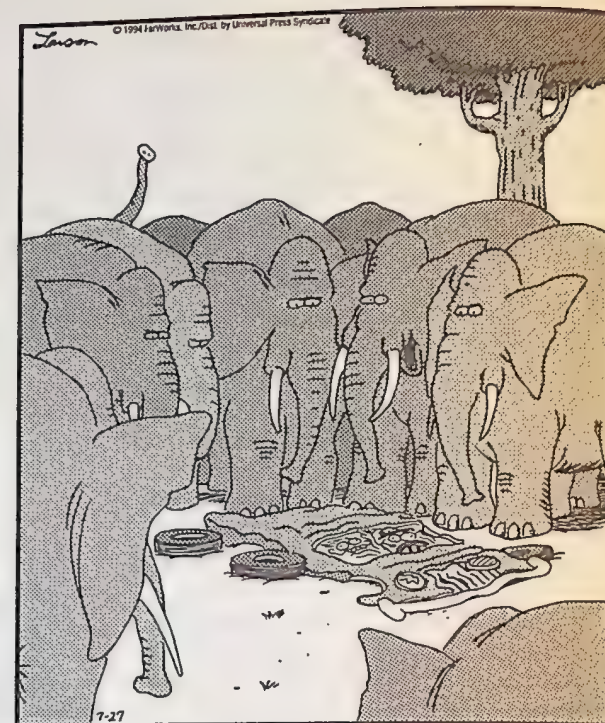
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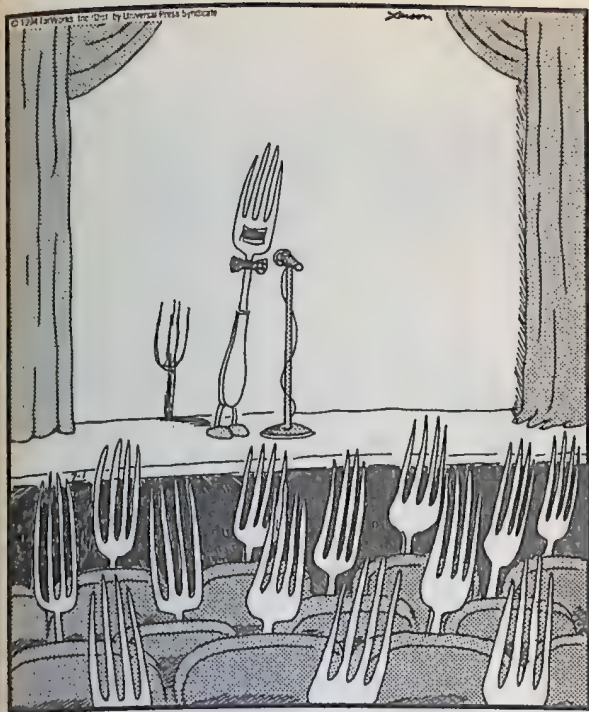
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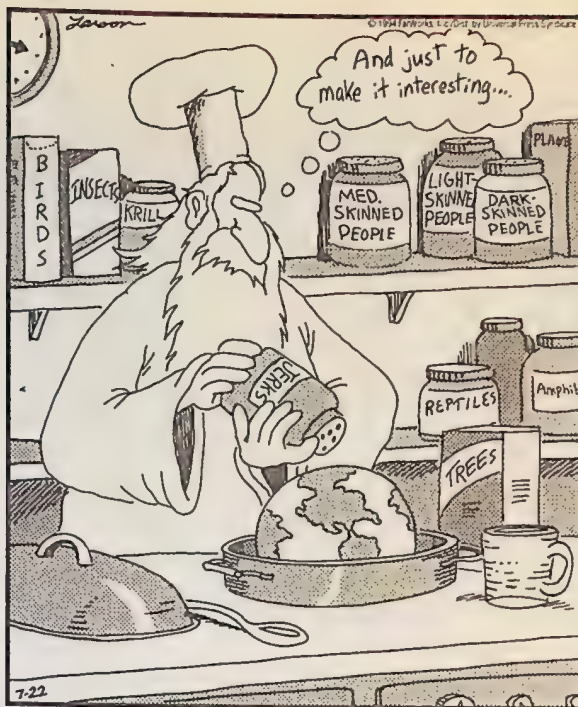
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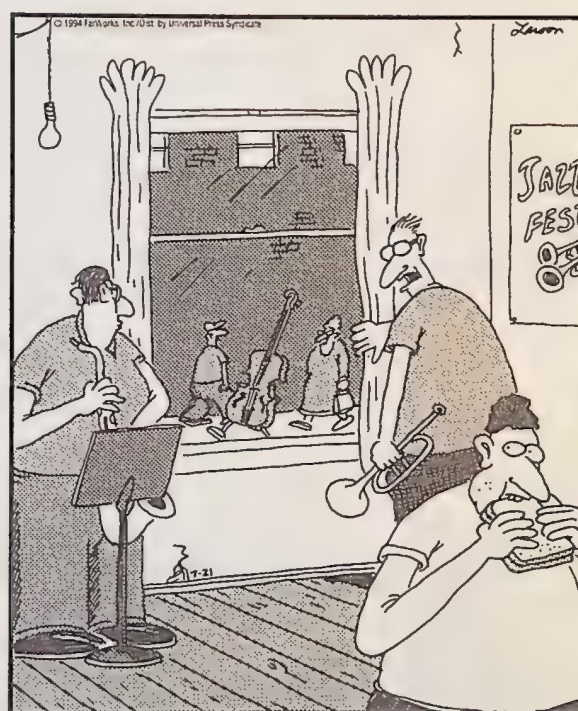
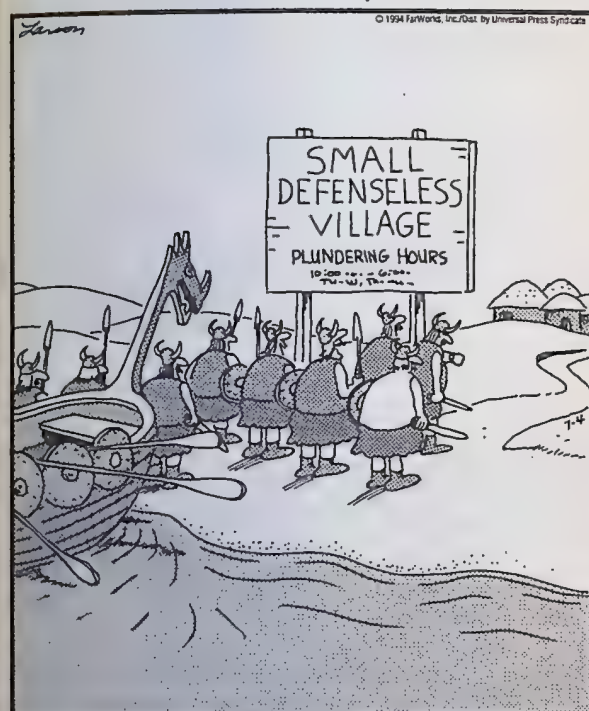
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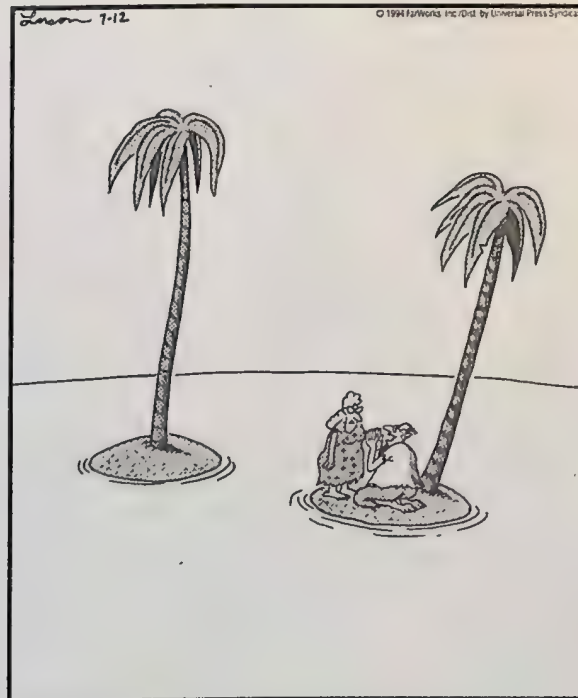
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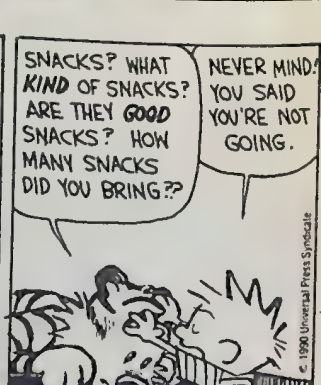
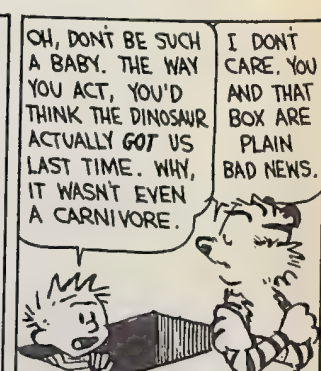
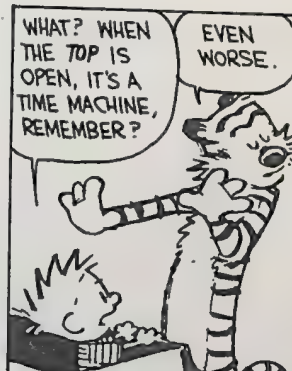
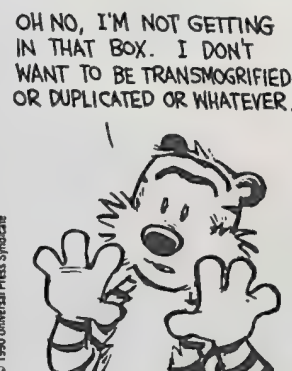
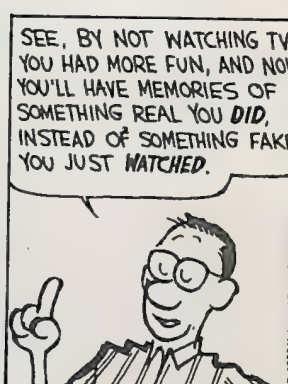
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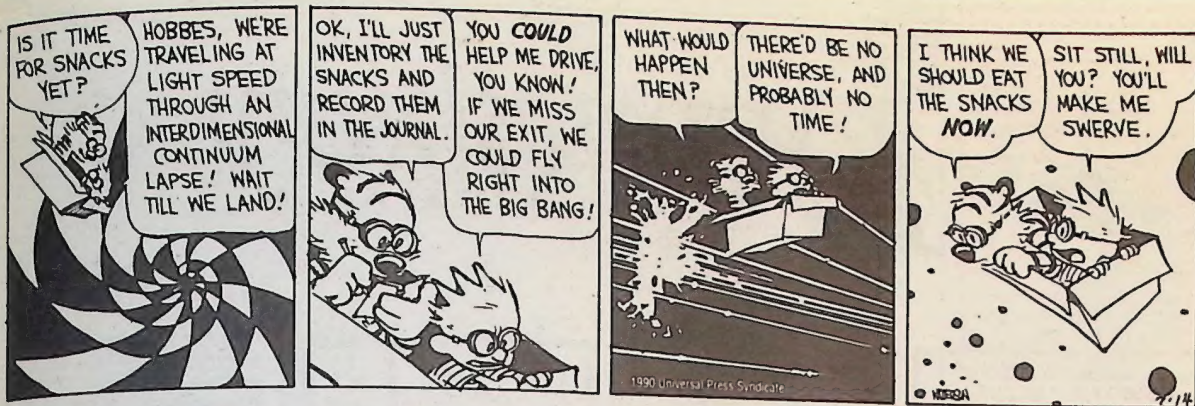


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So, I headed back down, but halfway down I forgot what it was that I was working on in the first place.

I turned around and headed back up hoping when I got to my room I'd remember what I was doing originally. In fact, at that point I forgot whether I was supposed to be going up or down the steps.

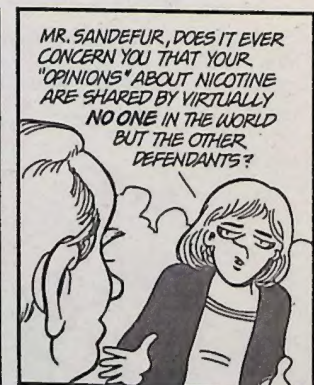
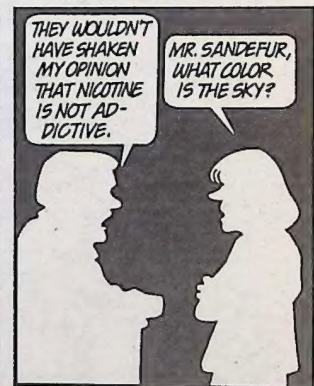
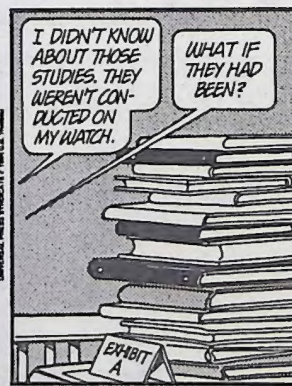
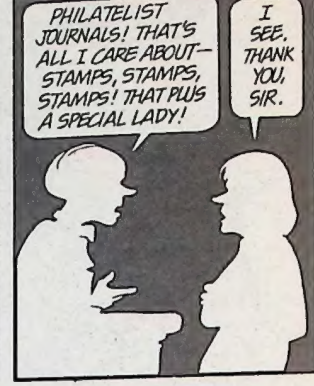
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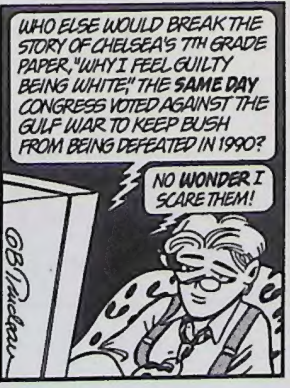
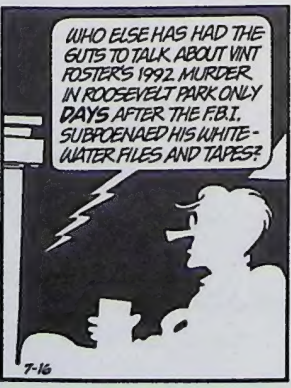
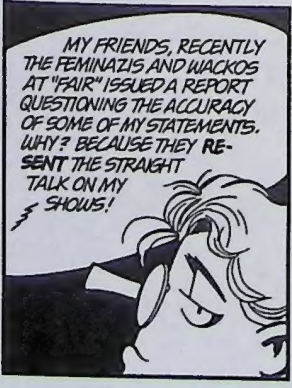
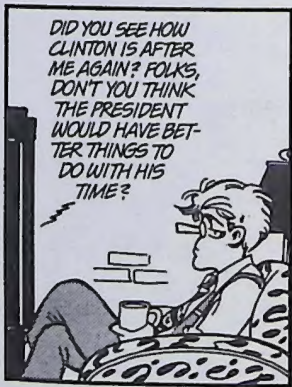
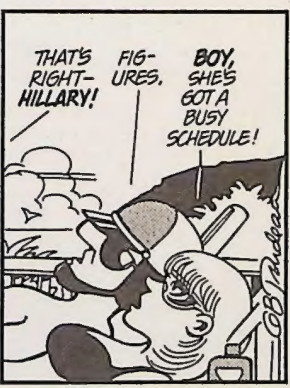
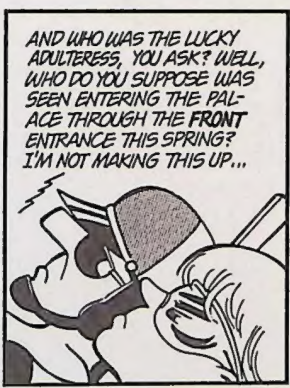
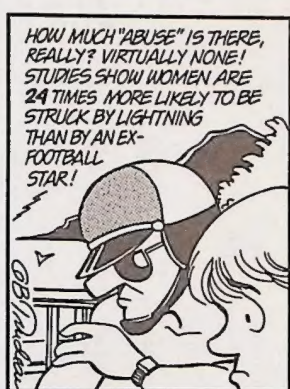
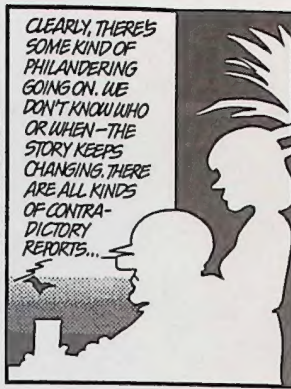
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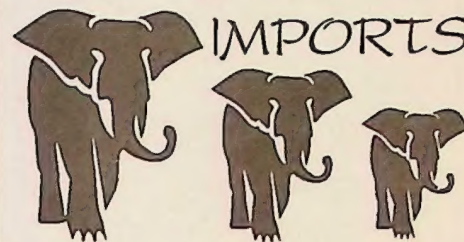
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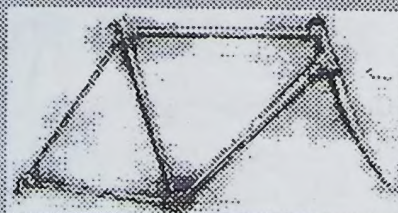
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